
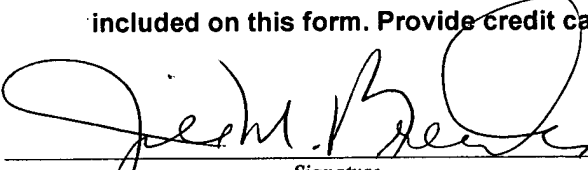
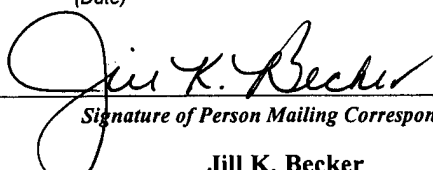


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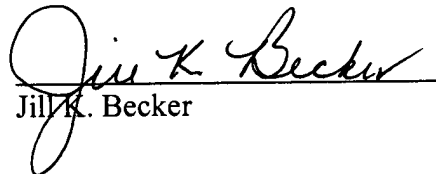
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Response To Office Action Under Rule 116

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action
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Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

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